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**From:** Bohan, Suzanne  
**Sent:** Sat 8/8/2015 8:14:44 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: Gold King Blowout - need for IMT/RSC members  
IMT KLP list from ERT R8 Aug2015.xlsx

Andrea -

Rick Baird is listed as a Liaison Officer on the attached list. If you have contact info for Rick, would you call or email Tina Artemis or Luke Chavez and share this information?

The 1:00 call with Shaun, Joan and David just concluded. They are taking the national call at 2:00 and didn't need any others to participate. There were no immediate issues that were raised on the 1:00 call re enforcement. Paul chimed in re working with OGC on resolution of claims (e.g. private well water quality). EPA has a team out in the field to sample private wells (we are asking CDPHE to assist), provide bottled water, hauling water for stock tanks, and is working on source for fire-fighting water.

Mine release is at 548 gpm, down from yesterday's 740 gpm. All water is being treated and quality based on ph is better than pre-event water in Cement Creek.

As of this morning, leading edge of plume was at confluence of Animas and San Juan River in Farmington, NM.

Big rain event in Durango area last night - stirred up sediment that had settled out, so this created a second plume.

For future, EPA is fielding questions about whether we will be going back in to this mine or other mines in the area. Also questions about the history of mining and associated impacts that EPA is trying to address. Working with EPA team to prepare this narrative will be important. I'd like thoughts from Richard and you about who takes lead. Assume much of this may already exist.

Suzanne

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**From:** Cristiano, Gina  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 8, 2015 12:44 PM  
**To:** Mitre, Alfreda; Anthofer, Wayne; Bohan, Suzanne; Videtich, Callie; Card, Joan; Ostrander, David; Thomas, Deb; Sierra, Eddie; Vranka, Joe; DalSoglio, Julie; Atencio, Kathie; Kortuem, Patrice; Williams,

Laura; Hestmark, Martin; McGrath, Shaun; O'Connor, Darcy; Logan, Paul; Smith, Paula; Ward, W. Robert; Stavnes, Sandra

**Cc:** Chavez, Luke; Artemis, Tina

**Subject:** RE: Gold King Blowout - need for IMT/RSC members

Hello RICT Members,

Due to technical difficulties with our RSC database, we are lacking contact information for many IMT/RSC members. Yet, the GKM situation continues to expand and we need to get in touch with these folks to assess their ability to deploy to Durango (we are expected to deploy a full IMT to the incident) and/or the EOC. When you get this email, could you please contact Tina Artemis [REDACTED Personal Phone/Ex. 6] or Luke Chavez (303-912-7746 or email) to relay the contact information for any of your staff on the IMT list attached. We apologize for this scramble but greatly appreciate your assistance!!

Regards, Gina

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**From:** Cristiano, Gina

**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 1:33 PM

**To:** 'Alfreda Mitre'; Anthofer, Wayne; Bohan, Suzanne; 'Callie Videtich'; Card, Joan; Cristiano, Gina; 'David Ostrander'; 'Debrah Thomas'; 'Eddie Sierra'; 'Joe Vranka'; 'Julie DalSoglio'; 'Kathie Atencio'; Kortuem, Patrice; 'Laura Williams'; 'Martin Hestmark'; McGrath, Shaun; O'Connor, Darcy; 'Paul Logan'; 'Paula Smith'; 'Robert Ward'; 'Sandra Stavnes'

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Hello RICT Members,

As you know, EPA is responding to the Gold King Mine Blowout. Some background:

*On August 5, 2015, EPA was conducting an investigation of the Gold King Mine. The intent of the investigation was to assess the on-going water releases from the mine and to treat mine water and to assess the feasibility of further mine remediation. The plan was to excavate the loose material that had collapsed into the cave entry back to the timbering. During the excavation, the loose material gave way, opening the adit (mine tunnel) and spilling the water stored behind the collapsed material into Cement Creek, a tributary of the Animas River.*

*Initial estimates are that the release contained approximately one million gallons of water (estimated from the dimensions of the mine adit) that was held behind unconsolidated debris near an abandoned mine portal. There were several workers at the site at the time of the breach, all were unharmed.*

We have stood up the EOC and have already called in initial IMT/RSC members to assist. We are currently filling Finance, Logistics, Planning, Public Information and Operations sections, along with units/teams under those sections. Because this incident is ongoing, the EOC will be open over the weekend to support operations in the field and we expect this effort to continue into next week . Thus, we will be contacting various IMT members to help us manage this incident. Attached is the most recent IMT roster along with ARAships to give you an idea who may be called (we're still working out our staffing plans so please bear with us as this comes together).

If you have any questions, you can contact me or Martin Hestmark.

Thanks for your support, Gina

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